ECONOMIC IMPACT MODEL FOR

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Summary

- 1. Since the last Advisory Group meeting, T.J. Picton, H. Verkerk and Prof. Walter held a meeting on 21 January with the Executive Council of the Malaysian Tobacco Manufacturers to outline the project and explain the brief.
- 2. C.M.T.M. provided the names of two acceptable research organisations to carry out the work Frank Small and Associates Ltd. and Survey Research (M) Ltd.
- Arif Bador (Director General of C.M.T.M.) and T.J. Picton had meetings on 24 January with both candidates to establish their interest and suitability. A deadline of 18 May was set for the end of the project and both agencies agreed to send detailed proposals for C.M.T.M.'s consideration.
- Both agencies admitted the necessity of drawing on the services of professional economists from one of the universitites.
- 5. C.M.T.M. considered the proposals on 18 February and decided to accept the Frank Small proposal.
- 6. Three proposals had been submitted, one from Frank Small and Associates and two from Survey Research (M), a simple and a complex study.
- 7. Frank Small and Associates have accepted a deadline of May 2 and quoted a price of M.\$ 65,000. INFOTAB have offered a contribution of M.\$ 50,000 (U.S.\$ 22,200) which C.M.T.M. have accepted.
- 8. A copy of the Frank Small proposal is on its way to INFOTAB and will be circulated if required. Frank Small and Associates have done a number of fleasibility studies for the Malaysian government and are well-respected locally.

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